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Sir:

Submitted herewith are Information Disclosure Statement, Japanese Action and a reference.

In the Action, claims 1 to 12 were rejected by the reference of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-220149.

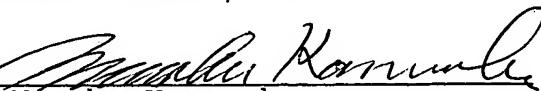
It is certified that the Japanese Action and the reference were cited on July 27, 2004 in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

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